

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: April 7, 2008
POSITION: Oppose
SPONSOR: Hot Spring Valley Irrigation District

BILL NUMBER: SB 1117
AUTHOR: D. Cox
RELATED BILLS: SB 1276

BILL SUMMARY: Hot Spring Valley Water District

This bill would: (1) establish the Hot Spring Valley Water District and dissolve the Hot Spring Valley Irrigation District, and (2) authorize the transfer of the irrigation district's preexisting powers, duties, responsibilities, obligations, liabilities, and jurisdictions to the Hot Spring Valley Water District.

FISCAL SUMMARY

This bill could create a reimbursable state mandate by requiring the Hot Spring Valley Irrigation District to reorganize as a California water district. The potential costs are unknown.

COMMENTS

Department of Finance is opposed to this bill because it could impose a reimbursable state mandate by requiring the irrigation district to reorganize as a water district.

The intent of the bill is to enhance the pool of qualified voters eligible to serve on the Board of Directors by reorganizing the irrigation district as a water district which would be subject to different voting requirements. Without this bill, the irrigation district would have to apply to the Local Agency Formation Commission to reorganize as a water district. Currently, the district absorbs the costs; however, this bill could shift the costs from the district to the state.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
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